

Coughlin Inquiry In 'Christian Front' Case Is Sought

U. S. Probe Requested
By Committee Headed
By Prof. Urey

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NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—A committee of 16, headed by Prof. Harold C. Urey of Columbia University, Nobel Prize winner in chemistry, has asked the Federal Government to investigate any connection the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, Detroit radio priest, might have had with the "Christian Front."

Father Coughlin, who last summer praised the work of John F. Cassidy, a leader of the front, disclaimed any relationship with the organization after Cassidy and 16 of his followers were arrested on charges of plotting to overthrow the Government.

The request for an investigation was sent yesterday to United States Attorney General Robert H. Jackson and to J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Members of the committee included Robert W. Searle, general secretary of the Greater New York Federation of Churches; Dean Christian Gauss of Princeton University, Dr. Guy Emery Sipler, editor of The Churchman, and Prof. Franz Boaz, the noted anthropologist.

"It appears to have been in response to Father Coughlin's urgent call for formation of 'platoons' that the Christian Front was formed," they said in telegrams to the officials. "He publicly praised the heroism and zeal of the Christian Front. On several occasions he has given open encouragement to Cassidy."